

FAIR FLORIDA
IS A PARADISEVisitor to Our State Writes Inter-
estingly of Conditions Here

AMERICA'S BIG GARDEN

Summer Climate is not Hot as Many Pre-
sume—New Comers Represent Every
State and Many Leading Nations

The Spiritual paradise is a portion of infinite space in which the Lord of all things, although present throughout all, is supposed to give more immediate manifestation of his glory. It is a special scene of God's glory. It also designates the place, state and condition of the blessed spirits and of the souls of just men who are admitted into the participation or the contemplation of the divine beauty. It is a great pleasure and hunting part, full of bliss and happiness and where one finds happiness as a reward for leading a virtuous life, a place of supreme felicity or delight.

Florida one of the states of our union which has been called the land of flowers, has become a paradise for the poor man in the last few years. It has become an Arabian Night's dream of Aladdin palaces that gleam in gardens more fantastic than those of Babylon. The lands of Florida are low coastal plains, monotonously level and often marshy. Toward the interior of the peninsula the surface rises gradually to an altitude of more than one hundred feet. In places this central ridge reaches nearly three hundred feet. The western portion is hilly and well wooded. The southwestern portion is a remarkable example of the work of coral organisms which form continuous reefs, the upper portions of which have been extended both vertically and laterally by accretions of sand, floating material, and by the growth of vegetation.

The eastern coast has a remarkably even shore line being much more regular than the western coast which is broadly indented by the Gulf and intersected by the inlets of several rivers. In comparing the area of Ohio and Florida in square miles the ratio is as one to one and one-half.

The tall and stately pines, magnolia and live oak trees lend to the landscape a tropical air. These beautiful trees are draped with Spanish moss just as though some master hand had been here before one to please every sense of the artistic. They are grown up with a fascinating entanglement of riotous beauty and stand guard upon the horizon.

A journey up a stream in Florida by night is weird and eerie and fascinates one with rather an awesome and dreaded charm when the stream boats are lighted and are casting their myriad shades into the silent crystal water of the stream and as the shadows travel toward the banks and meet those of the trees in foliage, all kinds of spectres appear in the water and the silence is so dense as to make the impression that one has at last found paradise.

The sky covering this stretch of beautiful ground is bright blue from which the sun sends forth its most brilliant rays. When the sun sets, it gives the sky a golden appearance and then it becomes abruptly dark but cloudless and from it shine myriads of bright stars.

The warm, balmy, fragrant and dry atmosphere has made, "Our Poor Man's Paradise," the greatest health resort of the world.

When the people in the north shiver in the grasp of the blizzard and the ground is covered with snow, the human tide turns toward the balmy atmosphere and the bright blue skies of Florida. It is often thought that because their winters are mild, it is also inferred that their summers are unsufferably hot. But the same causes that modify the cold of winter help to temper the heat of summer.

The Peninsula of Florida extends far out into the sea like the thumb of a giant's hand and on this account there results a climate that is almost oceanic in its equability. The vast water areas on both sides affords a free circulation of air and a pleasant breeze across the State almost constantly. The temperature very seldom rises above 95 nor falls below 32 and on this account there is no snow and consequently the people are not troubled with heaters, which send forth columns of smoke and ashes and are the cause of much annoyance in the northern climes.

The sound of the wild but pleasant music of the wonderful mocking bird in this clear atmosphere and the sight of the wild duck and the cunning quail and turkey feeding along these beautiful waterways and the fragrance of the most beautiful orange blossoms is restful to the soul.

Owing to the delightful climate and the abundance of rain fall one is able to raise his own vegetables all the year round.

One is able to realize a net profit of about \$700 an acre per year and his crops do not have to be watched as they do in the north.

The rich sandy loam underlaid by a

heavy and deep clay subsoil which is of the color of chocolate affords three and four and sometimes even five yields from the same tract of land per year.

Hundreds upon hundreds of people after reading the advertisements in the magazines and a few having visited Florida have sold their northern homes and have gone south where they infuse new blood and ideas into the industrial and social life.

Florida is gradually becoming transformed from the forest state to a large farming district, the garden spot of America.

The people after living there a year or more having realized much from their land, have their horses, conveyance and automobiles. The state has been equipped with local and long distance telephones, daily papers, rural free delivery, fine roads, excellent schools and churches, railroads and in fact every thing that tends to make life bigger, better and more enjoyable.

The educational department is advancing with other interests of the state. Recently two building permits were issued estimating the cost of two high school buildings at \$60,000 apiece. About 24 per cent of the whole population are pupils in the public schools.

The people who come to Florida are drawn from every section of the world and in whose veins course the blood of almost every nation. Their experience covers almost every walk in life.

They are a cultured and hospitable class of people.

The colored population is extremely small and as a class they are industrious.

Florida, "The Poor Man's Paradise," is a place where one is able to smooth out the rough spots in his life so that he may learn the meaning of harmony, the greatest word in our language. The definition of which is thought, love, peace, unbroken and triumphant progress, success, joy, laughter and the absence of all wrong and trouble.

BELLE C. BURKHARDT, Huron, Ohio.

MARSHAL REPLIES TO
MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fort Pierce, Fla., July 19, 1911
Editor THE TRIBUNE:

Please give me space to reply as briefly as I can to the Honorable Mayor's letter to the city council, which appeared in your last issue, which is somewhat misleading.

He stated that he was informed that the marshal was receiving a salary of approximately \$90 per month, on account of an extra allowance for service for which he was drawing a salary to perform.

If the Mayor had made this clear, I think it would have thrown a different light on the subject, but he has either forgotten the action of the council in open session April 5th, or he regards the truth lightly.

When the subject of grading and paving Palmetto and Magnolia avenues came before the council and the work was ordered, I was instructed to superintend the work. For this service I asked an increase in salary. The council (continued on page 4)

FINAL DAYS PROGRAM
MIAMI'S CELEBRATION

Friday, July 21.—

9 A. M.—Foot Races. These races will take place on Twelfth street, Avenue C and the Boulevard.

For Boys, under 15 years—Sack Race, first prize, \$2; second prize, \$1. 3-Legged Race, prize, \$1. 50 Yard Dash, \$2; 100 Yard Dash, \$3.

For Men—100-Yard Dash, \$3; 220-Yard Dash, \$5.

10 A. M.—Motorcycle Races. These races will take place on the Twentieth Street Road south of river. They will start and finish near the junction of the General Lawrence Road.

1 P. M.—Baseball, Miami vs. West Palm Beach.

4 P. M.—Aeroplane Flights by Wright Bros., Aeroplane at Golf Links.

5 P. M.—Military Drill and Dress Parade by the National Guard of Florida.

7:30 P. M.—Drill by the Zouaves on Twelfth street.

8 P. M.—House Burning on the Boulevard. The Fire Company will dash through Twelfth street to the fire.

9 P. M.—Grand Military Ball in the Fair Building.

Music throughout the day by the Second Regiment Band, of Miami, and the Key West Light Guard Band.

Saturday, July 22.

9 A. M.—Excursions to the Florida Everglade Drainage Canals, to Coconut Grove, to the Ocean Beach, Cape Florida and other places of interest.

10 A. M.—Boat Races. Races will start from the Terminal Dock and pass in front of city. First event, sailing race, three miles on the regular course. Free for all. Prize, a handsome cup.

10:15 A. M.—Second event, Motor Boat race. Working boats with speed under twelve miles. Course, from the Terminal Dock to No. 7 Buoy. Distance, ten miles. Prize a handsome cup.

10:30 A. M.—Third event, Free Boats of twelve miles or more. Free for all, ten miles around No. 7 Buoy. Prize, a handsome cup.

2:30 P. M.—Baseball. Palm Beach vs. Miami.

Music throughout the day by the Second Regiment Band, of Miami, and the Light Guard Band of Key West.

ASSESSMENT
WAS RAISEDCommissioners Add \$100,000
To Assessor's Roll

THE FELLSMERE FARMS

Nearly \$90,000 Added to Value of This
Splendid Property—County Boundry
Line to be Marked

County Commissioners met July 17, 1911, pursuant to adjournment July 3rd 1911. Present: E. A. Holt, A. N. Hoofnagle and D. E. Austin, with J. E. Fultz, clerk.

The chairman not being present on motion D. E. Austin was elected chairman pro tem.

The County Assessor was present and met with the Board for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment roll.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the valuations of the following pieces of property be increased as follows:

Fellsmere Farms Company

All (except S½ of NE¼, NW¼, SE¼ and SW¼ of section 16) of township 31 south, range 36 east—22,480 acres, increased from \$22,500.00 to \$45,000.00

All (except S½ of section 16) township 31 south, range 37 east—22,480 acres, increased from \$22,500.00 to \$45,000.00.

All (except section 16) township 32 south, range 36—22,400 acres, increased from \$22,400.00 to \$45,000.00.

All (except section 16) township 32 south, range 37 east—22,400 acres, increased from \$22,400.00 to \$45,000.00.

Barnett Land Company

All section 1 township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300. to \$1600.

All (except NE¼ of SE¼) section 2, township 32 south, range 38 east—600 acres increased from \$1200 to \$1500.

All section 3, township 32 south, range 38 east—644 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 4, township 32 south, range 38 east—641 acres, increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 5 township 32 south, range 38 east, 643 acres, increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 6 township 32 south, range 38 east—631 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 7 township 32 south, range 38 east—627 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 8 township 32 south, range 38 east—644 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 9 township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 10 township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 11 township 32 south, range 38 east—639 acres increased from \$1400 to \$1600.

All section 12, township 32 south, range 38 east—639 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 13 township 32 south, range 38 east—639 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 14, township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 15 township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 16 township 32 south, range 38 east—640 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 17 township 32 south, range 38 east—644 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 18 township 32 south, range 38 east—630 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 19 township 32 south, range 38 east—634 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All section 20 township 32 south, range 38 east—644 acres increased from \$1300 to \$1600.

All (except SE¼) section 21 township 32 south, range 38 east—480 acres, in-

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TERRIBLE ACCIDENT
IN RAILROAD YARDS

One of the most sad accident that has ever occurred in the local yards of the Florida East Coast railroad, brought instant death to a popular employee of the road just before two o'clock Tuesday morning, when Hill Williams was caught beneath the front wheels of an engine and his life crushed out.

The local passenger train, No. 37, arrived here on time at 1:40, and night hostler, J. W. Bennett, took charge of the engine. It was uncoupled and taken out on the "Y," preparatory to being placed in the round house. Williams was one of the switchmen who went with the engine, and met his death a few minutes after leaving the station. The engine had backed onto the long part of the Y, and Williams had thrown the switch for the return. He then gave the signal to go ahead, and was

seen to cross the track in front of the engine for the purpose of boarding the pilot, and this was the last that was seen of him until he was ground beneath the truck wheels. No one was near enough to see exactly how the accident happened. Some think that as he was about to step on the pilot he was blinded by the headlight and missed his footing, falling in front of the moving engine. Others think, however, that as he crossed the track his foot became wedged in the frog of the switch. In such a condition he was unable to move as the engine bore down upon him. His screams were heard by several in the neighborhood and by the employees at the round house. The body was dragged thirty feet before the engine could be stopped.

The body was severed in twain, the wheels passing directly over the chest, above the heart; the right arm was practically severed near the shoulder, and the left arm and both limbs broken and crushed in a number of places.

A sad feature of the accident was the fact that the wife and two children had departed on the 11:30 train (but two hours previous) for a visit with her relatives in Dothan, Ala. Immediately after the accident she was notified by wire aboard the train at Titusville, where she awaited the arrival of the body Wednesday night.

The deceased had only resided in Fort Pierce about three months, but had made a large circle of friends among the railroad employees by his genial, jolly disposition, to whom he was known as Robin Williams.

Immediately after the accident the undertaking department of the Fee & Stewart Company was notified and auto wagon took the remains to the fire station, where they were prepared for shipment to Dothan, Ala., leaving for that place Wednesday night, accompanied by the sorrowing wife and children and Frank Bath of the local railroad yard.

PICNIC AT SEBASTIAN
AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The Misses Berta Dardis and Florence Stetson, and Messrs. Will Fee, Philo Eldred and Jess Tucker went to Sebastian last Saturday to attend a picnic given at that place. An all round good time was enjoyed by all.

The picnic, which was held on the river front near the Eagle Fish Co's dock, was attended not only by Sebastian residents, but by many from between Mico and Vero.

Everybody brought their baskets of lunch and Rob. Hardee furnished all the fried fish, roast beef, bread, milk and coffee that was needed.

Sports of various kinds existed throughout the day. Two boat races, the first for five horsepower boats, and the second for three horsepower boats, were interesting, as well as close.

A ball game was played between Fellsmere and Sebastian, the latter winning by the score of 12 to 3. Jess Tucker, the invincible, tossed for the victors and lived up to his past record.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB'S
LYCEUM ATTRACTIONS

The entertainment committee of the Fort Pierce Improvement Club beg to announce the following numbers for the next season's course.

The Canvases; Cartoonist, Clay Modeler and Impersonator, conceded by both friends and critics to be the best upon the platform today.

The Apollo Concert Company; bell ringers, male quartet and general entertainers.

The Fisher Shipp Company, presenting a varied entertainment of the latest in music of all variety.

We respectfully present as our all star attraction for the course the Rounds Ladies' All Star Specialty Company, which consists of Mr. Round and eight ladies. This is the highest paid attraction on the platform and is the highest guaranteed company that has ever traveled the East Coast, their price being \$150 for the one appearance.

Brush, the greatest living magician, the unparalleled sensation of States, will be with us to show in his own way the seemingly impossible feats of magic and delusion.

We say without any hesitation that the course that we have decided upon for this season is one of the best in the State and we have neither spared time nor trouble in its selection.

The course this season will cost us over \$100 more than that of last season and we are making our ticket \$2.50 this year for the entire course, including your season's reserved seat. By buying your season ticket you will save \$1.50 or it will give you two attractions free.

The first attraction will appear in November; second in January, two in February and the fifth in March.

Mrs. C. T. McCarty, aided by others will canvass for the sale of seats, but the request is made that you simply telephone or write for your reservations without being called upon.

We thank you for your last season's patronage and ask you to see the finest, cleanest, five attractions that have ever appeared in Fort Pierce.

Mrs. C. T. McCarty, B. K. McCarty, W. E. Tylander, Committee.

GOVERNMENT
LAND SCARCEFlorida Now Has Only 321,538
Acres Vacant Surveyed Land

FOR HOMESTEAD ENTRY

Gainesville Land Office Issues Statement
Giving Acreage in Each County—St.
Lucie County Has 3,249 Acres

The following is a list of the number of acres of vacant surveyed United States land in Florida by counties on July 1, 1911:

County	Acres	County	Acres
Alachua	4,940	Levy	4,960
Baker	1,060	Liberty	1,147
Bradford	1,426	Madison	720
Brevard	15,775	Manatee	4,719
Calhoun	6,180	Marion	11,126
Citrus	3,440	Monroe	2,771
Clay	7,089	Nassau	575
Columbia	921	Orange	11,137
Dade	1,600	Osceola	3,760
DeSoto	79,998	Palm Beach	5,559
Duval	207	Pasco	600
Escambia	2,071	Polk	9,711
Gadsden	535	Putnam	4,080
Hamilton	459	St. Johns	7,996
Hernando	1,360	St. Lucie	3,249
Hillsboro	1,114	Santa Rosa	2,118
Holmes	198	Sumter	800
Jackson	427	Suwannee	600
Jefferson	10	Taylor	2,880
Lafayette	6,124	Volusia	15,450
Lake	29,200	Wakulla	561
Lee	30,968	Walton	6,830
Leon	240	Washington	21,253
Total			321,538

The public lands of the United States are not subject to sale, but can be homesteaded, and thus made practically free to those who have not exhausted their rights to enter homesteads.

To make a homestead entry one must be a citizen of the United States, or have declared their intention to become such (must get complete citizenship papers before "final five year proof" can be made, although commutation proof can be made after fourteen months by paying one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre by those who have merely declared their intention to become citizens); must be over the age of twenty-one years or the actual head of a family, and the applicant must not be the owner of over one hundred and sixty acres of land. A man and wife cannot both make a homestead, nor can a wife unless she is deserted by her husband, or is the head of the family by reason of the disability, etc., of her husband.

A homesteader must live upon the land actually and continuously to the exclusion of any other home or place of abode or residence.

The applicant to homestead must go in person on the land and examine it before filing his application. The same applies to timber and stone fillings.

Applications for homestead or for purchase under the timber and stone act must be executed in this office, before the Clerk of the Circuit or United States Court, County Judge or U. S. Commissioner in the county in which the land is situated, unless some other of the officers named within the state of Florida is shown by affidavit accompanying the application to be the nearest and most accessible officer authorized to take such applications.

Unless the application is made on the proper form and before the proper officer it is a waste of time and energy to send it to this office, because it cannot receive consideration.

Land that is unfit for cultivation and is more valuable for its timber than for agricultural purposes is subject to sale at a value found by appraisal by an agent of the General Land Office to persons legally qualified to purchase it in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to one person.

The office has no maps showing the location of vacant public lands, but will furnish township plats at one dollar each giving this information. Orders for these plats must give the township and range numbers, and it is suggested that first, second and third choice be designated. Under no condition will this office select the numbers. No form of remittance will be accepted save postal money orders or cash; money orders are very much preferred and should be made payable to the Receiver. The remitter's name on the money order must be that of the applicant.

We have no information of any value concerning the soil and crops that can be grown on any of this land.

No person whatsoever has the right to represent this office as surveyor or locator, or whatnot, and charge for information, because there are no employees or officials for the purpose except in this office.

HENRY S. CHUBB, Register,
SHIELDS WARREN, Receiver,

No more horse play will mark the initiation in the Elks' fraternity. The Grand Lodge's last important action was the abolishment of goat riding and all other forms of amusement for those already Elks. A fight has been on for a decade against the practice.